Project under RGGVY in Andhra Pradesh

2859. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), *inter-alia*, aims for creation of village electrification infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether the proposals sent by Andhra Pradesh Government to provide electricity to all the rural households in 22 districts have been approved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total estimated cost of the schemes and how much funds have been released so far; and

(e) how many households are expected to be covered under the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes Sir. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) envisages, *inter-alia*, creation of Village Electrification Infrastructure (VEl) with at least one distribution transformer in each village/habitation.

(b) to (e) The total cost of 26 projects for 22 districts received under RGGVY from Andhra Pradesh is Rs.804.75 crore covering release of 39.54 lakh rural household connections, including 25.92 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the State.

17 projects covering 17 districts of Andhra Pradesh were sanctioned for implementation in Phase-I of RGGVY costing Rs. 648.15 crore. These 17 projects involve intensive electrification of 21,623 electrified villages, covering 31.6 lakh rural households. Balance projects would be taken up after the approval for the continuation of the scheme in the Eleventh Plan.

Andhra Pradesh has so far availed a sum of Rs. 254.51 crore under RGGVY.

Dabhol Power Plant

2860. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infusion of Rs. 500 crore in the Dabhol Power Plant would be exclusively appropriated towards generation of power, or major portion would be utilized towards meeting the past liabilities of this plant;

(b) whether the NTPC-GAIL combine would be solely managing this plant, being the majority shareholders; and

(c) if so, whether the interests of Maharashtra remain the primary focus or the power-generated would be supplied to the neighbouring States also?